Please cancel claims 2, 8, and 14.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for making changes to an active schedule being processed by a host controller, the method comprising:

examining a transaction descriptor <u>including a control bit to retain information related to a change in the active schedule</u>;

determining a current state for a transaction based on the transaction descriptor;

preventing the transaction from starting if the current state indicates the transaction has not already started <u>and a change in the active schedule is indicated by the control bit</u>; and

allowing the transaction to complete if the current state indicates the transaction has already started.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further including marking the transaction descriptor as inactive.

4.   (Cancelled)

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transaction is a split

transaction.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transaction descriptor includes

a queue head, which is updated once the transaction is completed.

7.   (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

   a transaction descriptor <u>including a control bit to retain information related to</u>

   <u>a change in an active schedule</u>; and

   a host controller, the host controller including,

      a first programmable component to determine a current state for a

      transaction based on the transaction descriptor,

      a second programmable component to prevent the transaction from

      starting if the current state indicates the transaction has not already

      started <u>and a change in the active schedule is indicated by the control</u>

      <u>bit</u>, and

      a third programmable component to allow the transaction to complete if

      the current state indicates the transaction has already started.

8.   (Cancelled)

9.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 7, further including a fourth programmable component to mark the transaction descriptor as inactive.

10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the transaction is a split transaction.

12.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the transaction descriptor includes a queue head, which is updated once the transaction is completed.

13.   (Currently amended) An system comprising:

        a transaction descriptor including a control bit to retain information related to a change in an active schedule;

        an agent; and

        a host controller coupled to the agent, the host controller including,

                a first programmable component to determine a current state for a

                transaction based on the transaction descriptor,

                a second programmable component to prevent the transaction from

                starting if the current state indicates the transaction has not already

started,~~and~~ <u>and a change in the active schedule is indicated by the</u>

<u>control bit,</u> and

a third programmable component to allow the transaction to complete if

the current state indicates the transaction has already started.

14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, further including a fourth

programmable component to mark the transaction descriptor as inactive.

16.   (Cancelled)

17.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the transaction is a split

transaction.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the transaction descriptor

includes a queue head, which is updated once the transaction is completed.